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1. Total requirements for steel in the Russian Zone have been reduced to between 800,000 and 1,000,000 tons of rolled steel. This amount is to be covered in 1949 by:

- a. 300,000 to 350,000 tons from production in the Russian Zone,
- b. 200,000 to 250,000 tons imported from the USSR,
- c. the remainder from Belgium, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

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2. It is planned to import from the USSR 98,000 tons for the Hauptverwaltung Maschinenbau, which accounts for 30-40 percent of consumption in the Russian Zone.

4. No appreciable quantities have yet arrived from the USSR but are shortly expected for the first quarter of 1949. Representatives from the SMA and various Hauptverwaltungen have already gone to Moscow, and preparations have been made in the Russian Zone for storing supplies. All raw materials in the requested quality and size have been agreed to except rolled steel wire.

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